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(FOREIGN POLICY)

WASHINGTON--THERE IS NO GENERAL REVIEW OF A U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BUDGET BY THE ADMINISTRATION, A FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL REVEALED IN HEAVILY CENSORED TESTIMONY RELEASED TODAY.

WILLIAM J. CROCKETT, FORMER DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION, OUTLINED A MAZE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS WITHIN STATE AT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION BEFORE THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND ESCAPEES LAST AUG. 2.

CROCKETT, SAID TO BE BEHIND A CONTROVERSIAL REORGANIZATION PLAN WHICH LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ABBA SCHWARTZ A YEAR AGO, ENGAGED IN A SHARP COLLOQUY WITH SENATORS ON THE OFFICE OF REFUGEE AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS.

HE TANGLED WITH SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EDWARD M. KENNEDY, D-MASS., A CLOSE FRIEND OF SCHWARTZ, AND SEN. JOSEPH D. TYDINGS, D-MD. AN ENTIRE EXCHANGE WITH SEN. HIRAM FONG, R-HAWAII, WAS DELETED AT THE REQUEST OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH MANY OTHER PORTIONS OF CROCKETT'S STATEMENT.

IN AN EXPLANATION OF "THE WAY FOREIGN POLICY WORKS," CROCKETT SAID EACH DEPARTMENT HAVING A FOREIGN PROGRAM OF SOME KIND -- SUCH AS AGRICULTURE--CONSIDERS ITS OWN REQUIREMENTS WITH LITTLE REGARD TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

"THEY TAKE THOSE TO THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET AND THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET IS ALINED FUNCTIONALLY SO THAT THERE IS NO OVERLAP, SO THAT HE TAKE OUR BUDGET TO ONE GROUP, SOMEBODY ELSE TAKES THEIR BUDGET TO ANOTHER GROUP, AND SO ON, SO THAT THERE IS NO GENERAL REVIEW OF A FOREIGN POLICY BUDGET," CROCKETT EXPLAINED.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH REGARD TO THE BUDGET FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS WHICH CROCKETT SAID WAS FRAGMENTED BY A VARIETY OF AGENCIES INSTEAD OF BEING RELATED TO A TOTAL REFUGEE PROBLEM.

IN THE FIELD OF POLICY, CROCKETT SAID THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS EVEN MORE HAMPERED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THOUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, CROCKETT SAID THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID), THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), THE U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA), AND THE MILITARY "ALL HAVE OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS OVERSEAS."

"HERE THE SECRETARY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE SUPPOSED TO GIVE POLICY GUIDANCE BUT THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE LEGISLATIVELY AND LEGALLY OUTSIDE THE FRAME OF REFERENCE OF THE SECRETARY, OUTSIDE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY, SO THAT HE CANNOT GIVE ANY DIRECT ORDER OR COMMAND TO ANY OF THESE AGENCIES."

CROCKETT SAID THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD ISSUED A LETTER TO AMBASSADORS ABROAD IN 1961 GIVING THEM POSITIVE LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACTIVITIES ABROAD.

"BUT NOTHING WAS DONE ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT THAT PUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES IN THE SAME LEADERSHIP POSITION IN WASHINGTON AS THE AMBASSADORS HAD ABROAD," HE TOLD THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

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